

## COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND SAFETY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### Introduction

In November 2014, Boulder voters approved the Community, Culture and Safety tax, a three-year 0.3 percent sales and use tax increase. The ballot language projected that the revenue from this temporary tax increase will yield \$27.6 million for specific projects to improve community spaces, bolster cultural projects and organizations, and enhance safety.

#### Highlights at a Glance

- **12** individual projects<sup>1</sup>:
  - 4 completed
  - 2 under construction
  - 6 in design and planning phase
- **49%** of total funding has been spent as of March, 2017

### Project Goal

The goal of the Community, Culture and Safety initiative is to successfully complete the funded projects on time and on budget while adhering to the following guiding principles as set by City Council:

- be innovative and further Boulder's unique sense of place by achieving the multiple outcomes of the Sustainability Framework;
- be included in current council approved departmental master and strategic plans;
- leverage external funding through partnerships and identified community involvement;
- have identified O&M costs and sufficient operating budgets to cover the total cost of facility ownership; and,
- maximize efficiency of investment through coordination with other departments and agencies while demonstrating the cost/benefit analysis.

The individual projects are briefly described below, and details related to each project can be found on the [CCS website](#).

### Budget Status

The original revenue projection for the ballot measure was \$27.6 million. The project budgeted included a \$550,000 contingency for inflation and unforeseen circumstances. Through December, 2016, revenues exceeded projection by \$2 million, increasing the contingency to \$2.6 million. The CCS steering committee periodically reviews the contingency amount and recommends use of contingency funds for projects when appropriate. To date, the Executive Budget Team has approved the award of \$905,000 in contingency funds to three projects; Hill Event Street, Civic Area and Hill Street Trees Improvements.

Project	Description/Status	Budget	Actual
Hill Pedestrian Lighting	<p>Install continuous pedestrian-scale lighting and improved intersection lighting, full-spectrum “white” light in corridors along 11th Street, E College Avenue, 12th Street, 13th Street, and 18th Street.</p> <p><b>Project Completed October 2016</b></p>	\$2,000,000	\$1,969,306
Hill Event Street	<p>Creation of a street designed for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles, as well as the ability to easily close the portion of Pennsylvania between the alley to the west and 13th Street to the east for events.</p> <p>Estimated construction start: Spring 2017 Estimated completion: Summer 2017</p>	<del>\$750,000</del> \$1,005,000	\$116,203
Hill Street Trees Improvements	<p>Design and install an irrigation system for the trees along the sidewalk. Replace failing trees and install city-standard grates and guards.</p> <p><b>Project Completed October 2016</b></p>	<del>\$520,000</del> \$570,000	\$544,739
Civic Area	<p>The long-term vision is to transform the Civic Area into an even more unique place that reflects the community’s shared values and its diversity, providing space and programs for people to gather, recreate, eat, learn, deliberate and innovate. Phase I improvements funded by CCS Include:</p> <p><u>Creek Improvements</u>: a creek walk terrace, nature play areas, and improvements to the north creek lawn.</p> <p><u>Community Spaces</u>: café terraces, a performance hill, and farmers’ market enhancements.</p> <p><u>Connectivity and Access</u>: 11th Street spine and bridge, and an expanded farmers’ market loop.</p> <p>Status: Under Construction</p> <p>Estimated completion: Summer 2018</p>	<del>\$8,700,000</del> \$9,300,000	\$3,155,702

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Boulder Creek - Path Lighting	Design and construction of lighting along five segments of Boulder Creek Path that will provide adequate and appropriate light levels for nighttime visibility and safety by using fully controlled luminaries.  Estimated construction start: Winter 2016/2017 Estimated completion: Fall 2017	\$1,040,000	\$28,769
Boulder Creek - Path Improvements	Design and construction along four segments of Boulder Creek Path that will add a generally-separated pedestrian path to allow a separation of bicycle and pedestrian traffic along the corridor.  Status: Planning and Design  Estimated construction start: Winter 2016/2017 Estimated completion: Fall 2017	\$885,000	\$55,516
Boulder Creek - Arapahoe and 13th Underpass	Design and construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle underpass at the Boulder Creek Path, between Boulder Creek and 13th Street.  Status: Planning and Design  Estimated construction start: Spring 2018 Estimated completion: Winter 2018/2019	\$2,500,000	\$182,321
Boulder Creek - Eben G. Fine Park Stream Bank Restoration	Stream bank stabilization, erosion protection, habitat restoration, and recreation enhancements within Eben G. Fine Park between the northern sidewalk and Boulder Creek.  <b>Project Completed May 2016</b>	\$700,000	\$593,717

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Art Projects	<p>New public art projects for the Civic Area, University Hill, Boulder Junction, North Boulder, a series of temporary projects in the neighborhoods, and several maintenance projects.</p> <p>Status: First maintenance project has been completed</p> <p>Estimated completion of all projects: Winter 2017</p>	\$600,000	\$29,887
Chautauqua Phase 1 Lighting	<p>Install pedestrian lighting between the employee/musician parking area and the Baseline Road bus stop. Lighting controls will ensure that lighting is lowered when pedestrians are not present, yet maintain their visibility with minimal energy.</p> <p>Status: Planning and Design</p> <p>Estimated construction start: Winter 2017</p> <p>Estimated completion: Spring 2018</p>	\$250,000	\$0
Chautauqua Pedestrian Safety Access and Lighting	<p>Improve access and pedestrian safety along Baseline Road via new sidewalks, re-aligned parking, enhanced pedestrian crossing treatments, and related safety enhancements like lighting and wayfinding signs.</p> <p>Status: Under Construction</p> <p>Estimated completion: Spring 2017</p>	\$1,250,000	\$814,376
Dairy Center for the Arts	<p>Expand and modernize the building's lobby and façade, modify an outdoor deck area as a special events space, enlarge and enhance theaters, dressing rooms, and great rooms, and improve lighting and sound technology.</p> <p><b>Project Completed Winter 2016</b></p>	\$3,850,000	\$3,850,000

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Museum of Boulder	<p>Convert the building into an expanded museum that will accommodate larger displays, Smithsonian-class traveling exhibits, science and technology exhibits, as well as enhanced programming and space for children.</p> <p>Funding agreement executed June 2016 Estimated completion: Fall 2017</p>	\$4,000,000	\$2,624,762
Total (Excluding Contingency)		\$27,950,000	\$13,965,298